

CLAIMS

We claim the following:

1 1. A method for qualifying and selecting patients to be included in a
2 technology-assisted disease management (TADM) system, comprising the steps of:
3 receiving an input associated with the patient;
4 assessing said input using a global goal module that is capable of defining the
5 goals of the organization; and
6 determining if said input is a qualified input based upon said assessment,
7 where the patient associated with said qualified input is included in the TADM
8 system.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of assessing said input
2 using a patient scoring module that is capable of providing the score of said input.

1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of assessing said input
2 using an intervention goals and outcome module.

1 4. A method for qualifying and selecting patients to be included in the
 2 technology-assisted disease management (TADM) system, comprising the steps of:
 3 receiving an input associated with the patient;
 4 assessing said input using at least one qualifying module, said qualifying
 5 module having at least one predetermined parameter; and
 6 determining if said input is a qualified input based upon said assessment,
 7 where the patient associated with said qualified input is included in the TADM
 8 system.

1 5. The method of claim 4, further comprising the steps of:
 2 re-evaluating a non-qualified input; and
 3 determining if said non-qualified input is a re-evaluated qualified input,
 4 where the patient associated with said re-evaluated qualified input is included in the
 5 TADM system.

1 6. The method of claim 4, wherein the of step of assessing said input using at
 2 least one qualifying module further includes the step of assessing said input using a global
 3 goal module.

1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the of step of assessing said input using said
 2 global goal module further includes the step of assessing said input using a patient category
 3 focus module.

1 8. The method of claim 6, wherein the step of assessing said input using said
 2 global goal module further includes the step of assessing said input using an organizational
 3 category focus module.

1 9. The method of claim 4, wherein the of step of assessing said input using at
2 least one qualifying module further includes the step of assessing said input using a patient
3 scoring module.

1 10. The method of claim 4, wherein the of step of assessing said input using at
2 least one qualifying module further includes the step of assessing said input using an
3 intervention goals and outcome module.

1 11. The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of selecting monitoring
2 equipment based on said assessment of said input.

1 12. The method of claim 4, further comprising, the steps of:
2 receiving a qualified outcome input associated with the patient outcome of
3 being included in the TADM system;
4 assessing said outcome qualified input to determine if it is unsatisfactory,
5 said determination based upon the patient outcome after being included in the
6 TADM system; and
7 resetting at least one of said parameters if said qualified outcome input is
8 determined to be unsatisfactory.

1 13. A system for qualifying and selecting patients to be included in a technology-
2 assisted disease management (TADM) system, comprising:

3 means for receiving an input associated with the patient;
4 means for assessing said input using at least one qualifying module, said
5 qualifying module having at least one predetermined parameter; and
6 means for determining if said input is a qualified input based upon said
7 assessment, where the patient associated with said qualified input is included in the
8 TADM system.

1 14. The system of claim 13, further comprising:

2 means for receiving a qualified outcome input associated with the patient
3 outcome of being included in the TADM system;
4 means for assessing said outcome qualified input to determine if it is
5 unsatisfactory, said determination based upon the patient outcome after being
6 included in the TADM system; and
7 means for resetting at least one of said parameters if said qualified outcome
8 input is determined to be unsatisfactory.

1 15. The system of claim 13, further comprising:

2 means for re-evaluating a non-qualified input; and
3 means for determining if said non-qualified input is a re-evaluated qualified
4 input, where the patient associated with said re-evaluated qualified input is included
5 in the TADM system.

1 16. A system for qualifying and selecting patients to be included in a technology-
2 assisted disease management (TADM) system, comprising:

3 means for receiving an input associated with the patient;

4 means for assessing said input using a global goal module that is capable of
5 defining the goals of the organization; and

6 means for determining if said input is a qualified input based upon said
7 assessment, where the patient associated with said qualified input is included in the
8 TADM system.

1 17. A method for use in a computer system for qualifying and selecting patients
2 to be included in a technology-assisted disease management (TADM) system, comprising
3 the steps of:

4 receiving an input associated with the patient;
5 assessing said input using a global goal module that is capable of defining the
6 goals of the organization; and
7 determining if said input is a qualified input based upon said assessment,
8 where the patient associated with said qualified input is included in the TADM
9 system.

1 18. A method for use in a computer system for qualifying and selecting patients
2 to be included in a technology-assisted disease management (TADM) system, comprising
3 the steps of:

4 receiving an input associated with the patient;
5 assessing said input using at least one qualifying module, said qualifying
6 module having at least one predetermined parameter; and
7 determining if said input is a qualified input based upon said assessment,
8 where the patient associated with said qualified input is included in the TADM
9 system.

1 19. The method of claim 18, further comprising the steps of:
2 re-evaluating a non-qualified input; and
3 determining if said non-qualified input is a re-evaluated qualified input,
4 where the patient associated with said re-evaluated qualified input is included in the
5 TADM system.

1 20. The method of claim 18, further comprising the steps of:
2 receiving a qualified outcome input associated with the patient outcome of
3 being included in the TADM system;
4 assessing said outcome qualified input to determine if it is unsatisfactory,
5 said determination based upon the patient outcome after being included in the
6 TADM system; and
7 resetting at least one of said parameters if said qualified outcome input is
8 determined to be unsatisfactory.

1 21. A computer readable medium for qualifying and selecting patients to be
 2 included in a technology-assisted disease management (TADM) system, comprising:
 3 logic configured to receive an input associated with the patient;
 4 logic configured to assess said input using at least one qualifying module,
 5 said qualifying module having at least one predetermined parameter; and
 6 logic configured to determine if said input is a qualified input based upon
 7 said assessment, where the patient associated with said qualified input is included in
 8 the TADM system..

1 22. The computer readable medium of claim 21, further comprising:
 2 logic configured to re-evaluate a non-qualified input; and
 3 logic configured to determine if said non-qualified input is a re-evaluated
 4 qualified input, where the patient associated with said re-evaluated qualified input is
 5 included in the TADM system.

1 23. The computer readable medium of claim 21, further comprising:
 2 logic configured to receive a qualified outcome input associated with the
 3 patient outcome of being included in the TADM system;
 4 logic configured to assess said outcome qualified input to determine if it is
 5 unsatisfactory, said determination based upon the patient outcome after being
 6 included in the TADM system; and
 7 logic configured to reset at least one of said parameters if said qualified
 8 outcome input is determined to be unsatisfactory.

1 24. A computer readable medium for qualifying and selecting patients to be
2 included in a technology-assisted disease management (TADM) system, comprising:
3 logic configured to receive an input associated with the patient;
4 logic configured to assess said input using a global goal module that is
5 capable of defining the goals of the organization; and
6 logic configured to determine if said input is a qualified input based upon
7 said assessment, where the patient associated with said qualified input is included in
8 the TADM system.